For gas based units, cost of feedstock accounts for 60% of the total cost of production, whereas for naphtha and FO/LSHS based units, it is about 75% of the total cost of production.

Setting up of Mega Chemical Industrial Estates in the Country

3681. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to set up mega chemical industrial estates in Haldia, West Bengal and Vizag, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a similar zone is also proposed to be set up in the backward Orissa region to improve its economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, assisted by Consultants is studying the feasibility of setting up Mega Chemical Industrial Estates at different locations in the country. A Task Force on Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR) has also been constituted in the Prime Minister's Office on 20-1-2006, in order to enable quick and coordinated decision making and to provide an appropriate policy framework for the development of investment regions of requisite scale and level of facilities, with the involvement of world class developers and investors, in the field of petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals. This Task Force will also finalize the number and locations of PCPIRs. A definite time limit has not been fixed at this stage.

High prices of medicines produced in tax holiday States

3682. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that retailers all over prefer to sell medicines produced in tax holiday State;